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Summer Fun Abounds in Socorro

Summer is just around the corner, school will be out at the end of the month, and it's time to start thinking about summer fun! Socorro is fortunate to have many activities to keep kids engaged, learning and active during the summer months. The time to sign up for those is now!

The Summer Program at Finley Gym will run from June 1 to August 14. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to attend, but must be registered and space is limited, so register as soon as possible. Applications can be picked up and turned in at Finley Gym.

The program starts at 7:45 each weekday morning (except July 3 and 4) and runs till 5:15. You must pick your children up **ON TIME** as there is a fee of \$10 per child if you are more than 10 minutes late. You must also show a photo ID every time you pick your child up, though you can list up to 3 other people (besides the child's parents) who are permitted to pick up, but they must be listed on the application. The program has the best interests of your child, and your child's safety, in mind!

The program is free: paid for by the City with transportation donated by the school district. Every day breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are served. Every Friday there is a field trip, ranging from Hinkle Family Fun Center to an afternoon at an Isotopes game to lunch in Truth or Consequences to a ride on the train to Santa Fe. The kids also visit the library in small groups and participate in numerous arts and crafts activities.

Cindy Rivera is the amazing woman-behind-the-program. She ensures that there is a staff-to-child ratio of 1 to 5 and that the high school students who work with the program are well-trained. A visit to her after-school program is a great preview of the activities and attention your children will receive in the summer program.

After school program participants enjoy an outing to Burger King. Clockwise from top: Timmy Silva, Victor Chavez, Caleb Montoya, Isaac Silva and Izaiah Chavez.



And There's Baseball!

Sign-up for summer baseball has begun and will continue through May 8. The program is open to kids ages 4 to 13 with a registration fee of \$10 per child. Forms were sent home with kids from school, but also are available at Finley Gym. Games will be played Monday through Friday evenings at 5:30 at Sedillo Park. According to Norbert Peralta, Socorro Recreation Director, an average of 35 kids sign up each year. Each child will receive a t-shirt and cap, and any parent who would like to coach may volunteer when they register their child.

If you love to play ball but are beyond age 13, you can join a team and sign up to play slow-pitch softball. Last year 8 men's and 5 women's teams competed, playing their games under the lights at Sedillo Park starting at 7 pm each weeknight. It's a popular activity. "There's already a team from

Belen wanting to play,” says Peralta. The team registration fee will depend on the number of teams that sign up and the number of games they want to play. Peralta expects the fee to be about \$300 per team, to cover the cost of umpires, lighting and field maintenance. “It’s a good deal,” he says, “because it would be \$600 to \$700 in Albuquerque.”

And the pool!

The municipal swimming pool at Sedillo Park is set to open Memorial weekend. Swim lessons will start as soon as school is out: watch local newspapers for more information. Public swim sessions will be every afternoon from 1:00 to 5:00. Admission is \$1.00. Adult lap swim is from noon to 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm weekdays.

Oh, and the library!

This summer’s reading program is “Be creative at the Library: Express yourself!” Sign-up begins June 1.

With so much to do in Socorro this summer, the long days will fly by. Take advantage of all that is offered, and have a great time!

Brownies Clean Up Socorro

Brownie Troop 1104 went to work on March 22 to help clean up Socorro. In the process of picking up trash around the “Welcome to Socorro” sign and B-street Park, the girls noticed that most of the trash consisted of plastic bags. So, with the help of two girls from the Cadette Troop, they decorated re-usable shopping bags and presented them to City Council members, urging city officials and the community to “go green” and reduce their use of disposable bags.

The 12 Brownies, ages 6-9, are from Cottonwood, Parkview and Midway Schools. Their leader is Bernadette Zamora.



The first Socorro History plaque was installed in Elfego Baca Park in April. It depicts San Miguel Mission. The tape will be removed when the tiles are set.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo (on Dos de Mayo!)

Socorro’s Cinco de Mayo celebration will take place on Saturday, May 2, on the Plaza from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Come listen to great music: Bernie Romero, Tori Murillo and the Murrillo Brothers, Mariachi Nuevo Sonido, Ballet Folklorico del Valle and Sassfire, enjoy local vendors and visit with your friends.

Employee Anniversaries

Oscar Acosta	15 years
Alex Chavez III	15 years
Kenneth Greenwood	10 years

City Council

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez	Gordy Hicks
Toby Jaramillo	Donald Monette
Michael Olguin, Jr.	Ernest Pargas, Jr.
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